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REMARKS**Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112**

Claims 16-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 ¶2 for being indefinite for not distinctly claiming the subject matter which the Applicants regard as their invention. Applicant has cancelled claims 16-17 and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-7, 9-11, and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Agee, U.S. Pat. No. 6,546,880. Applicant has cancelled claims 1-7, 9-11 and 13 and submitted new claims 19-21. Claims 19-21 more distinctly claim the subject matter of the present invention, including the interacting arrangement of the sleeves and actuators of the claimed examination table. Applicant believes claims 19-21 patentably distinguish the present invention from Agee, and allowance is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 8 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Agee in view of Santoro et al., U.S. Pat. No. 6,682,030. Claims 10-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Blyshak et al., U.S. Pat. No. 6,886,200 in view of Yindra, U.S. Pat. No. 4,552,403. Claims 8 and 10-18 have been cancelled and newly submitted claims 19-21 are believed to patentably distinguish the present invention from the combination of Agee and Santoro, as well as the combination of Blyshak and Yindra. Allowance of claims 19-21 is respectfully requested.

Interview

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for agreeing to an interview on 7 June 2007 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss the currently pending claims. Applicant has included an interview request form.

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Conclusion

Applicant has cancelled claims 1-18 and submitted new claims 19-21, which are believed to overcome the rejections set forth by the Examiner. Accordingly, allowance is respectfully requested.

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